J. C. Browne

Feb'y 6, 1879

Notes on Sterna nigra

Framingham Mass, Feb'y 6, 1879

Wm. W. Brewster

Dear Sir,

In looking over an old Ornith. Memo. to make up some notes on Migration promised "Forest & Stream", I found an entry, which, in view of your late article in Bulletin (for which thanks from all lovers of birds are due ~~you~~) I thought might interest you. Under date of Aug 6, 1852 I have a record of a tern shot at Plymouth Mass by a companion & identified by me as young of S. nigra of and. A few days later I have an entry that the "Black

* This very reasonably accounts for them escaping observation so long?

Terns made a very short stay, not
more than a fortnight".

On looking up this species I find
even as late as Allens List of last
year only one example recorded for
Mass, & that not until 1870. This
being so, I had have set mine down
as a case of mistaken identification,
I being then quite inexperienced, but for
the improbability of an error in so well
defined a species by the short tail,
I being familiar with the Least Tern &
shooting it in the same locality, & that
being the only other small Tern we have.

Part of the notes appears to
will probably appear in F & S in a
week or two (I have taken the liberty
of quoting from your article). A following
installment will include the 1st State
handprint for Mass, as already re-

Collected[x] by Purdie in Bulletin Jan 1877.

Excuse this liberty, but I feel somewhat acquainted thro our mutual friend Purdie & your many & valuable contributions, & also from your familiarity with my old "stamping ground" in Concord, where I took my first practical lessons in Ornithology.

Yours Very Truly
F. C Browne

x But record ignored by Dr Brewer in his elaborate article of Oct 3. 1877.

Framingham Apl 11 1879

Mr Brewster

Dear Sir

You have remained unnoticed from the utter impossibility of stating when any article will appear in F & S. They have at last "got round" to it, and you will find it in this weeks issue. But with exception I note on I fear you wont find anything of interest or value to you. The issue of the remaining portion, with possible exception of notice of first (mass) will be suspicious, the same marked as Cardia in Bulletin. I am so ignorant of what might be worth printing nowadays that I have been reluctant to put anything in print, but have been always

Specially interested in Water Birds, concluded
to do as I would have others do, make
them experience, whether little or much,
pubblic property. The season of 1851
is the only one I ever spent on the
Harbour, buying a farm & managing
& settling down to life in earnest the
next year, & for 24 yrs thereafter pursuing
Birds with almost entire & failing
health till 1877 & keeping me more con-
fined to the house I tried to pick up
the loose & neglected threads a little in Bird
matters, but am too much astern.
(Spare the personal matter, but I
believe I am trying to show why I
was so little posted in Ornith.

In reply to yr query abt S. Carolina
I have never met with it, my only experience
of the shore since 1852 being an occasional
week at Plym. in Oct. If you find anything
of interest in the Plym. notes shall be very glad to
hear from you; whether you do or not, for that
matter! Yrs very truly F. C. Browne

H. C. Brown

April 11, 1879.

Framingham 23d June 79

Mr Wm Brewster

Dear Sir

According
to request I send you word of
the publication of the 2d part of
the Cranks Island Bird notes, wh
appear in F & S. of last week. 19th.
It is doubtful if you find any
thing of interest therein, unless it
may be the reference to C. arctica.
I am much interested in that matter
as I have on my list of birds shot
that season "Blk throated Loon, nearly adlt",
plain enough, & I hardly see how I
could have made a mistake. The mistake
was in not preserving the skin! I
learned only a few years ago from Pendle
of its great rarity, & have not been able
since to find any recognition of it on our
coast. In my annual october trips to

F. C. Browne

June 23, 1875

the Island this last Spring I have kept a sharp lookout, & set others to do the same but without result, except that I saw one individual last fall which the gunner with me pronounced this species, but we failed to secure him.

I am sorry not to be able to forward you a copy of above F. & S. but the Company haven't favored me with any extra ones, altho I suggested the propriety thereof!

Yours very truly

Frank C. Browne

Framingham Mar 12 1888

Dear Sir

A friend stated to me the other day that he found last season Cedar Birds still in the nest with the wax tips, & asked me to look up the matter. Referring to Baird B & Ridgway. I found it distinctly stated in so many words "No wax" tips on young. consulting Coues B & W. I found not much better; & I began to cogitate on the propriety of laying the matter before the Club, when I bethought me of your series on "first plumages", & overhauling the Bulletin found in your article the very thing.

Of the 4 birds in the nest, not

[illegible] I had the
[illegible] you & to remember
[illegible] of life in both away.
[illegible] a male bird
[illegible] will be used as well. I
[illegible] a male mating
[illegible] enough for
[illegible] I have long been on
[illegible] for a bird with Red
[illegible] but this for me perfect.
I thought this might interest you
Yours truly
T. C. Stevens

Rhubarb was also the 14th.
This is the earliest record I have.
I hear from Prudie that you
have received from you a fairy
received congratulations.

Mrs Lincoln enjoyed taking of the
Hawk Owl in Dover.

H. E. Brown

March 14, 1870

Wilmington Oct 29/83

Dear Dr Hart

Thanks for your letter & especially for the hint about the story of Lord L. It has given me an additional spur for I realize the need of such touching this morning & need a morning's rest for the [illegible] & [illegible] particularly the close. The character but more work & more work is in my very thoroughly, but I know I commenced with a low estimate, & it appears a little short time but a better performance. Much I fear me that I am [illegible] of your [illegible]

[illegible] Hart Esq Boston Mass

shall consider it a considerable triumph if I succeed in saying what I mean to do.

I could not get a night's rest. It's a very bad place for that as Indian drill day, for here them. close under my window & a Regiment or. The regt. at the time I first came to Quetta used to parade here. I could take down the gloss, with a relish if he had [illegible] to tail. did not make it out from the [illegible]

In regard to the description of the bird from the N.W. I do not remember the chestnut colour on the wing tail feathers of the male, in fact. I don't observed either sex nor can understand N.'s statement.

The black spot on the crop of the [illegible] in my specimen [illegible] Jerdon's from Nil. that of which is a [illegible] example I do not think have seen it.

Yrs very truly

F. [illegible] Brune

Bloody Bill. Shot a man right in the
back just now and it is probably Clem
Kyle's Commission, and the rabbit in
love with Sue Mundy betrayed. Shot
a shot and — missed! Judged
by the upset that it change was some-
how means to shoot! Then said "oh,
nothing." Then as if to change. Thought
I guess I'll have him sooner or later.

F. C. Broome
Apr. 29, 1883

Framingham Mass Aug 27/84

Wm Brewster Esq

Dear Sir

I now fulfil my promise & send you a brief review of my Labrador experience. I am [illegible] that I was a mere boy of 20, & had but recently become interested in Ornith - had no Ornith acquaintance & only Audubon & Wilson for reference. My companion, a classmate, cared nothing for birds, or even for shooting. — & that spot was the main object.

Left Boston June 1, 1850. Sch of 60 tons - hired for Codfishing &, incidentally, Capelin, Herring & Mackerel. We went as passengers with the understanding that we were to have as much accommodation as possible without interfering with the business of the voyage. Same craft & same captain on same errand, as Dr Wyman & I & Storer the year preceding — Course as yours till past Belle Isle, when we stood north up the Straits.

Struck Labrador Coast at Little Mecatina. Soon after sailed between the two "Murre Rocks" abt ½ mile apart, seeing many Guillemots, Eider & Dusky Ducks; Were intending to land, but found an eggers craft ahead of us, dashing our hopes of eggs, & [illegible]
Reached Brador July 9, our destination [illegible]
Northern Point. Lay there abt 6 weeks.

Notes from Journal

June 22. Off Halifax 10th Pistols, prob Wilsons. shot one but could not get him.
June 25. Off Cape Canso. 1st Forbes Guillemots.
June 30. Off Amherst Isl. 1st [illegible] & Guillemots
July 1 - Passed Reid Rocks, 20 miles under our lee. Captain "behind hand", a impractible.
July 10. 1st Eg from Brador. To Pennebeck Island. Much astonished at the hosts of Puffins & Razor bills properties say 10 to 1. No Foolish Guillemots. Two take for eggs. fed only ½ day, all Puffins, & much advanced.
[illegible] 17. Shot a Titlark (wish you do not see to have met with
July 15. Saw a [illegible] Blk Guillemots (more at Pennebeck Island) & obtained one.
July 20. A sailor who was a few days ago at "Old Fort Island", 25 m to westward, tells me ducks were as plenty there as Puffins at Pennebeck. They shot 37 in a couple of hours, [illegible]. (I tried to get there, but failed to accomplish it)

I copy for you my memo of Birds shot on the excursion, which may be of interest.

Jun 22 1 Wilson's Petrel. N Scotia coast.
at Brae Dór

July 10 11 Puffins 10 skins
12 2 Razorbills
15 2 Kittiwake Gulls
3 Razor bills 1 stuffed
1 Puffin
17 1 Blk Guillemot
1 Pitlark
18 1 Blk Guillemot
1 ? Tern (lost)
22 2 Ring Plover
1 Shore Lark stuffed
24 1 [illegible]
4 Razor bills
2 Puffins
1 Gyrfalcon? yg. stuffed
30 4 Bonaparte Sandpiper
1 [illegible] "
1 Pectoral "

July 30	1 Ring Plover	
	2 Great Yellow	
Aug 2	18 Rayen bills	
3	1 Semipal Sandp	
	4 Wilsons "	
	1 Purple	
	2 Ring Plovers	
5.	17 Bonapartes S	
	2 Ring Plovers	
	2 Esquimaux Curlew	
	3 Great Yellow	
8	2 Ring Plovers	
	3 Purple Sandp	
	2 Shore Lark	
9	22 Esquimaux Curlew	1 Stuffed
	13 Bonapartes S	
	1 Esofalcon - ♀	Stuffed
12	1 Esqui Curlew	
	18 Bonapartes S	
	3 Ring Plovers	
	1 Semipal S	
13	4 Ring Plover	
	15 Bonapartes S	
	1 Semipal S	
14	1 Esquimaux Curlew	
	8 Bonapartes S	

July 27. Randal Jones, a resident, brot me bird
nest & egg of White Crowned Finch, date uncertain.
July 28 — 1st Curlews arrived; an advance flock.
(Query — why do gentlemen the Curlew you saw
were Hudsonian? I neither saw or "heard tell" of
any but the Esquimaux.)
July 29 — Shot an Old Squaw (only one I saw at
L.) in a fresh water pond. Have seen many
Eiders the past fortnight, but full feathered,
& can't be got. go out to sea —
July 4. Arrival main body Curlew, [illegible]
100s in one flock, but could not get near them —
the noise of the [illegible] in rising was startling.
Aug 5. After beach birds. Bonaparte's S. The most
abundant. Saw a few Purple S. & Ring Plover.
Aug 9. Successful with Curlew, the big flock
having apparently [illegible]. Got 22 (8 at 1 shot)
Aug 10. Shot a large & powerful Hawk,
belonging after a cripple Curlew. Immature, & could
not identify. Stuffed. (On return Dr Cabot pro-
nounced it "Labradoria", & at his request I presented
it to the B N H S, where it is now.)

A few days before I shot a large Hawk of
diff plumage, also young, wh I did not make out,
& preserved him for some investigation. but soon
after the skin inaccountably disappeared. Well
Stuart some of the visiting Mendenhall must have
stolen it. This I should have supposed to be the
Rough Leg (see (B B R. III. p 309) but for a line
in my journal saying it was larger than the 2d one.
Perhaps another form of Sanctus? Am surprised
that you came across none of the Hawk tribe.
Aug 12. Curlew month gone on. Remarkably short
stay according to the residents. a great disappointment to me
Aug 17. Great flight of Murres & Puffins in the water
off Pamlico, everything 3 acres closely covered.
Aug 20. saw & shot a Turnstone (not in my list)
This ends Brass Bay. Headed towards home
the 21st. My journal for the return trip is so com-
pact (you don't need to be told why - Small Cabin
& full at that!) that I have concluded to en-
close it to you as There are some bird notes that
may be of interest. such I have pencil-marginal
that you may not be obliged to read the whole unless
you choose - Return at your leisure.

Any Comments or queries will be welcome.

Yrs very truly J C Brooks

Aug 15	2 Esquimaux Curlew	
17	1 Blk Snipe	
	1 Ruffin	
19	1 Esquimaux Curlew	
	6 Bonapartes S	
21	1 Bonapartes S	stuffed
	1 Purple S	
	1 [illegible] S	
	1 Turnstone	
	4 Blk Snipe	1 stuffed
	at Great Mecatina	
22	1 Blk Snipe	
23	2 Razor bills	
	2 Foolish Guillemot	
24	4 Blk Guillemot	
	at Bay de Portage	
26	1 Blk Guillemot	
	at Battlegamen Isle	
29	1 Great Blk Duck [illegible]	lost
	At Port Hood, Cape Breton	
[illegible]	3 Green Yellowlegs	

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at Milford, Straits Canso

Sept 11 2 Dusky Duck

4 Great Tern

1 Solitary Sandpiper

at Canso

Sept 13 2 Ring Plover

2 ? Tern

1 Gray Gull (yg Silvery?

Aug 27, 1939

F. C. Fassett

Framingham Mass. Apl 20/88

Mr Wm Brewster

Dear Sir,

Your favor in hand. You could hardly have been more surprised than I at the report you quote, but I reckon we must accept it! I tried to bluff on last years eggs, &c, but only excited indignation. I did not, indeed, get the particulars from the finder, but from Mr Haenber (the man who found the W. throat Sparrows nest which I reported in one of the early numbers of the N.C. Bulletin) who had it "at first hand". I know the finder, however, & he's an old gunner & OK. The 'vocality was a S.W. hillside, mostly in birches. He flushed the bird from the nest. Clutch 3 - perhaps not

full; & I wish he had ascertained if they were at all incubated — Date correct — April 4.

H. A. P. tells me that you are going to the "Old Manse" in C. for the summer. I was very much at home there in my high-school days, connections of mine, the Ripleys, then occupying it — used to keep my boat there, & knew all the best "holes" for fish thereabout. It's a splendid water-chance both ways, up stream to North branch & Fair-haven bay, & down stream to the "great meadows".

Yours Very truly
F. C. Browne

F. C. Browne

Apr. 20. 1886.

In re early nest of Partridge

Framingham Mass aug 9/88

Dear sir

in a letter from A.A.P. today I find to quite unexpected announcement concerning your compassion for my kinskin-less condition your proposition to give me a skin! very kind of you but - I see no reason why you should.

Please mention value & I shall gladly remit; as I have failed to find in any of my correspondents - for an example. No one seems to have any to spare. I have an idea that, tho not going on the "Extinct" list, it will come & be classed with the Dodo & Moa before long -

In looking over some old College memoranda I came upon a list I made (1891) at the request of Agassiz, of the birds then in the museum. If you have any curiosity to see it, say when cold weather comes & you have more leisure I shall be glad to copy it for you (It won't take long!)

Very truly yours
F. C. Brown

I hear with much interest your work at sea. What can we say to do about this whistling business. Evidently show that it is not made with the wings & you show that it is! "next". I am inclined to side with you that he is not a "worm-eating warbler"!

T. Brown.

Aug. 9, 1884.

Wilmington Mass Dec 18

Dear Friend

I send (you by Dist Exp prepaid, to W. Brattleboro Vt.) for you. If you can make room in a corner of it, please do so!

I shot one like this in Lyn Dec 11 1852. entered it then as the B.H. thrasher on strength of information obtained from E.W. Watson, born & bred of a Quaker family, right among the Looms, & a spinner all his life. He stated positively that there were 3 kinds of Looms, the "middle size" being the "graybeard", entirely unknown but still shot about

Every Season. My bird he identified as his "Graybach".

In my list of "Sussex names" you just in F & S abt 78 you will find this given for the Blk Throat on L. dorsalis. He was a man of considerable observation and I learnt a great deal as to the skill plumages &c of our birds from him. (lived with him May 1 65 to 15 Dec.

I have always claimed this to Pudie much to his amusement, and also that some day God yet would show him. Of that I was & am hopeful; but he inclined to think I have done it!

Shall like to Rivvale Boston dear Coll with you as your suggest, but my health is so poor now that I seldom trust myself far from home, & now almost never make an appointment. Let me hear soon from

Yr Truly yrs

F C Browne

I'm sure that the most distinguished
test of [illegible] position of mortal.

Did you consider a young man's ambition
[illegible]? First thing I noticed on picking him up

F. CL BROWNE,
Dec 18, 1889

Framingham Mass Jan 12

My dear Mr Brackett

Your
two favors duly rec'd. (Bird not
yet to hand). Am sorry to hear
that you can come to no decision,
but that result is the expected. It
is rather humiliating that in this
[illegible] age we can not [illegible] The
Tariff of Ideas to Spain apart. The
only way I can do is for some
one to wait upon pious Orthodox
in his bedding quarters! Will
you do it?!

You couldn't be more surprised
than I was to my blunder in postal
measurements. It is one of those
unaccountable cases where one gets

a thing "wing and forework" I
can explain - I only by the
that I was talking at the time
with a friend who was interested
but I ought to have taken the mea-
surement a second time, sure - My
dissatisfaction is however somewhat
mitigated by your statement that
this measurement are of no value!

You take the ground from under
me in what from my limited ex-
perience, I thought was a good point,
viz - the shading of the [illegible] neck.

Three pounds is another of Plumage
[illegible] I spoke of in my letter to you
in it. If you do not touch upon
the broad grey edging of the breast
feathers (so pronounced as to have
caused the Plym gunners (as I set forth)
to give the bird a distinguishing name)
did any undoubted timber sent by you
[illegible] it show broad?

2d The peculiar brownish or smoky
color of the hind neck. None of
the specimens enough young timber there seem
(not more than half a dozen to be sure)
have it there. How with you?
3d The very light colour with
in life. I have shot but very few
young timber, but my impression is very
(from a) old had still much darker.

If you are not tired of this
I should be glad to hear further from
you on these points

I see you do not include your
Hamburgi, bird in the Three your
class together; so conclude you call
it timber without reservation #.

Did you find any genuine timber
with grey as short as my birds?

Very truly
H. E. Brown

Oct 1887 I shot (also at Ryga) a speci-
men I thought might possibly be acutirostris

W. E. Burnett
Jany. 12. 1890

by reason of the matted fore neck
and so preserved the head, neck well down
the back & the wing, to look up the
... in reading house & books; when
I did it was compelled to call it inky, thus
ignoring Chaucer "yolenek white"
... may compare it with your Harley
... going to mail it to you. I shd
have sent it with the other, but it
... I've my mind till too late

/94

Framingham Tuesday Jan 3

Friend Brewster

I accept your offer as a decision & close the matter. My health is so poor that I feel I may be called at short notice, & wish to set my house in order, and make a beginning with such things as this.

Please select the top in packing in box & send with hoop iron, & think it will go all right, it's not pretty weighty (over 200 lbs).

In regard to the paint you made for me will be pleased to have, that (to the best of my belief) every ounce is full free

F. C. Brown
Jany-3-1893.

wishes, just as I left the Publishers hands. I have been - thereby deprived about the. Will ship at an early date, probably 1st pleasant day after Xmas.

Do you recall my offering to furnish you with a list of Agassiz third thing at the time of issuing of C, the nucleus, so to speak? I shall have considerable "enforced leisure" this winter, & will copy out my original notes (1851) if you still care to see them.

Very truly yours
F. C Browne

We get no Grosbeaks yet, & only one flock of Bunting. Not I can hear of.

Birmingham Mss. Dec 21

My dear Mr Brewster

Directly
in receipt of yr favor I took
the matter in hand, and am
now able to report — thus

Trout & Stream fish
I have not the first 2½ years. I
begin with Vol 5, (Commencing
Feb 1876) & run 14½ years (a
20/0 per year) to Vol 38 inclusive.
in all 33 Vols as of 1st class condition
as of 26 Nos each.
I regret to say there are 3
Nos missing, viz

No 25 of Vol 7
13 " 13
21 " 19

In view of this, I am sending with the first issues I have selected from my Print of 60 or Cuts with Letters and Packed it to Express here for $3.00.

Let me hear as soon as convenient, as they take up considerable room in my Study and are pernicious heavy to move!

I wish it had occurred to me to send down to you before the A.O.U. meeting my attractions?!?!? for the assembled Wisdom to work upon. Why didn't you think of it!

Very truly yours
F C Browne

F. L. Brown
Dec. 21–1893

R. G. Brown
Feby. 8-1894.

Washington Mass Feb 8/94

Dear Mr Brown

I have at last got at the promised transcription of my Agassiz Coll notes & send herewith. They are crude & hasty, as you see — book work — but you may find something of interest, as showing the Nucleus, (a pretty weak one) of the Coll you now have charge of. The skins at that time & old lodge had just been unpacked & thrown into the Drawers that were handiest — and you have it from first to last as it was!

I have annexed copy of some items I found in my notebook,

best of us if and interest
perhaps, unless you remember
that book was that of the

As you see I did a lot of
work for Agassiz that year, as
I felt under great obligation to
him for his kindness in [illegible]
having invited me to join him in
his trip [illegible] from R.I. to Portugese.
We were good friends, and
recalled as one of the most
delightful episodes in my
experience - & Agassiz was
a man anybody was eager
to work for.

I sent the Lion last Friday &
trust it reached you safely. I
also trust that you will enjoy
your position!

Very truly yours
— F. C. Browne

H. C. Brown.
Feby. 13 - 1894.

Wilmington Mass Feb 13

Friend Brown

The boy & your favor rec'd. Of course I must accept your decision, tho I hate to! I note that you have changed your bearing on the measurements of distances on bill, as I remember that in my reference to it in our former "engagement", you wrote us that it was "not good" or words to that effect.

Next week abt this time you will have a chance to contest skates. I have a vivid remembrance of the delight with which we skated off coat & lay around the decks as we were rowing the Yankee! I left my

Only in Fun. in dailing Rest.!

"No harm in a hint, if it isn't taken" as somebody said first, and now I'll act upon it! To wit, I am studying Conchology, and if You shd hasten to find yourself in a place where the Shells, under your feet perfect your knowledge, if you will just drop a few of the most troublesome fellows, & shut them up for me, I shd be greatly pleased. Of course then will only refer to small species, as I trow your conchol brethren will keep over - and for the rest I know - if it doesn't come right

My Countrymen & Scientists who are here with the Arctic Party, have wonders, and a mine of for me but, as luck will have it we left it with the only big luggage when they were wrecked.

Hope you will have visited us upon Tour.

Very truly Yours
H. Clarence

Wannyhem, Mass
11 a m Feb 26

Dear Mr B

Your favor just to hand; The skins are probably a mail behind. It is exceeding kind of you to send them. a gap I have been trying to fill for some time.

Will hold the owl till further advised. I kind of think it is one of those confounded & confounding "intermediates"!

Another matter of interest has come up. I rec'd from same party in Conn a fowl listed as "Red bellied Hawk". proved to be a remarkably dark Red shouldered, labelled as that in West Haven Conn! I enquired at once if the locality was so, &

got up 1/ yesterday that he shot it there himself, & the name was given by a local taxidermist! There's an omithologist to be proud of — or rather two of 'em!

Well in fact, I'm so ignorant myself that I don't know whether Melanism (or erythrism I don't know which to call) is anyway common with this sp., & I fail to find mention of it. but this shaft is almost as red as mine. Hawk beneath with the shafts blacker long & heavy clear ? the abdomen, & on the shoulders taking up half or more of area of each feather tibiae heavily barred altho it marked B. Now is this an "exceptional" plumage? If of any interest will send with the bird.

Very sorry to hear of yr troubles, & trust a better show soon — I am housebidden most of the time. very truly

F C Browne

Throat heavily white, with black shaft streaks
White barring absent "abdomen" above belly

I have amended in getting one record of P Grosbeaks. abt Feb 4, a flock of 12 to 15 (one red) on normal still, by a competent observer (Mr Smith)

The Owl was bought of Short, Albion N Y, so I reckon its useless to try & get data amended

Browne F. & Co.
Feb 26 1897

Harrogate Mon Mar 25

Dear Mrs B

Yr favor in hand - Thanks for elucidation. I studied the article of yours referred to till I got rather dizzy - thought I had this shin as yours salivaries, till I read, in regard to the under markings, "including abdomen" wh I couldn't make fit, & fell back upon Macfarlane's, tho' I thought it too small for that. Shall label it Kennicotti, & if any one demurs, let him prove that it is not!

As to the Hawk tale I wanted to say congratulations, but it seemed too small.

Re date Hawk, I wrote to the party that it of & he writes that he shot it & gave date himself. I don't know how we're going to get away from that.

In the matter of B & W warbler
I saw them & studied myself, but
Eastman was positive. For a hurried
consult he said Rev Mr Smith was
one authority, & that is good, he is
a trained observer. My impression was
the 2d was Eastman himself, but if he
did not so state to you perhaps I am
wrong - The 3d party I did not hear of.
I must get at E again & find out if
all 3 saw presumably the same bird.
How if more than one bird was seen, some
day, ipse widely dif localities? Still,
2 or 3 might have wintered as well as
one - (wh I believe they or it did)*

Bluebirds seem as abundant as in
old times! good enough.

At your service
F. C. Brown

*my earliest record is Apl 14. in 93

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FRAMINGHAM MAR 4 MASS

Browne, 7, &c. - Mar. 3, 1899

Mr Wm Brewster

Brattle St.

Cambridge Mass

Wilmington Mass Mar 3

Sorry can't help you. Herons. 1848-51
I was on the alert for them many times
but can't recall ever even seeing one. The
time was limited & I never went far up Al-
ewife Brook or visited Pout Pond. No colony in
F Pond then.

We had a pair or two N Herons breeding within ¾ mile
of my house for several years, but they've gone some
where else now, tho' not far probably, as I see them fly
ing over sometimes in summer.

H A P will tell you abt our chickadees feeding from Mrs B's hand.
I have report of one visit, abt 30, Snow Lakes, just before last storm — FCB.

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